

Phrasal verbs

Study the following phrasal verbs. Note that there may be other meanings for the verbs listed here.

Phrasal Verb	Meaning and example
Add up	Make sense *"His evidence just doesn't **add up**"*
Break up	Come to an end *"The party finally **broke up** at 3.00 am"*
Bring up	Mention *"I feel I ought to **bring up** another small matter"*
Come up	Occur – usually a problem *"Look, something has come up and I can't meet you"*
Count on	Rely on *"Don't worry, you can count on me"*
End up	Finish in a certain way or place *"We **ended up** staying there for lunch"*
Fall back on	Use as a last resource *"We've got our savings to **fall back on**"*
Get across	Be understood – especially get an idea across *"I had the feeling I wasn't **getting across**."*

Practice

Select the correct phrasal verb

1. I was delayed something *fell back on / ended up / came up* at home.
2. Jack's explanation doesn't *bring up / add up / count on*.
3. Your meaning didn't really get across / end up / bring up.
4. The company has money in the bank to *add up / fall back on / get across*.
5. I was doing my homework but then *I ended up / added up / broke up* in a party.
6. The meeting didn't *fall back on / bring up / break up* at 7.00 pm.
7. We are friends, you know you can always *come up / count on / add up* me.
8. The employees do not want to *bring up / get across / add up* the topic because they are afraid of their boss.